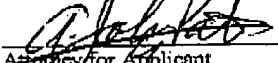


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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the communication from the examiner mailed June 1, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.